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Inasmuch as this Amendment is being timely filed within two months of the filing of the Notice of Appeal, *i.e.*, by August 13, 2003, Applicant submits that no extension of time is necessary. However, if an extension is deemed necessary by the Patent and Trademark Office, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.